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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time in which  
to respond to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2011 for which a three (3) month  
response period expiring on December 15, 2011 was set. The extended period expires  
effectively on **February 15, 2012**.

Please charge the extension fee of \$ **560.00** for a two (2) month extension of  
time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit  
Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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